

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORTTOPIC Soviet Ammunition Depot at Hockrehna

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EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED 25X1DATE OF CONTENT 25X1DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 10 March 1952REFERENCES 25X1PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) REMARKS 25X1 1. the Soviet ammunition depot, Hockrehna, received the following shipments of ammunition between 2 January and 3 February 1952:

Date in 1952	Number of Cars	Load	Dispatching Station
19 January	12	105-mm shells	Torgau
	4	model 98 k infantry ammunition	Torgau
23 January	7	105-mm shells	"
	9	150-mm shells	"
	10	model 98 k infantry ammunition	"
	2	charges	"
29 January	18	undetermined	Frankfurt/Oder
31 January	3	150-mm shells	undetermined
	7	105-mm shells	undetermined
	2	75-mm AT gun cartridges	undetermined
31 January	2	charges	undetermined
2 February	9	105-mm shells	Torgau

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2. Outgoing shipments.

Date in 1952	Number of Cars	Load	Receiving Station
7 January	3	belted infantry ammunition	Altengrabow
	5	75-mm AT gun cartridges	"
10 January	9	105-mm shells	Grossenhain
	2	charges	"

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<u>Date in 1952</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Load</u>	<u>Receiving Station</u>
	3	105-mm shells	Gardelegen
	5	model 98 k ammunition	"
12 January	1	105-mm shells	Halle, German
	3	model 98 k ammunition	Volkspolizei
18 January	4	explosives	Altenraben
23 January	1	150-mm shells	Gera
	3	105-mm shells	"
	5	model 98 k infantry ammunition	"
25 January	2	150-mm shells	Gera
	3	105-mm shells	"
	1	charges	"
	8	model 98 k infantry ammunition	Schoenebeck, ammunition factory

3. On 6 January, four trucks picked up 360 boxes with infantry ammunition for a German Volkspolizei Dienststelle on Dessauer Strasse, Halle. *
4. A detail of 12 soldiers, led by a captain, and from the guard unit of the Kommandatura in Bautzen, arrived at the depot on 4 January. This increased the strength of the guard unit at the depot to about 140 men. [redacted] The ranking officer was the new captain. A senior lieutenant and a lieutenant were the other officers at the repair shop. After the arrival of the reinforcement, the four watchtowers were occupied at night. **
5. Between 1 and 10 January 1952, 32 men of the VP Einsatzkommando at the repair shop were detached to the Grenzpolizei Bereitschaften of Osterwieck and Gardelegen. Some of the detached personnel were replaced from components in Magdeburg and Dommitzsch of the guard battalion of the Landespolizeibehörde for Saxony-Anhalt. The VP Einsatzkommando numbered 105 men at the beginning of February 1952.
6. During the time of observation, the VP Reviere, Kreisamter and Praesidien were issued enough ammunition to supply 48 rounds for each weapon. Sixteen rounds of this were kept under lock and seal in the arms racks of the Reviere. The ammunition was issued at the Sprengstoffwerk Schoenebeck on the Elbe River, which was in charge of supplying all Volkspolizei units, except for the HVA Bereitschaften, with ammunition. The Sprengstoffwerk seemed to be affiliated with the ammunition depot at Mockrehna because it received several shipments of ammunition from there.

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[redacted] Comment. The depot at Mockrehna is subordinate directly to the GCFG and its guard unit numbers about 30 men and not, as stated in the present report, 140 men.